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REQUEST **FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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REQUEST	Application Number	09/866,600
FOR	Filing Date	May 30, 2001
ITINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)	First Named Inventor	Kazunori IWAMOTO et al.
TRANSMITTAL	Group Art Unit	2851
Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).	Examiner Name	H. Nguyen
	Attorney Docket Number	00862.022246

	NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.								
1.	Su	bmiss	ion required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114						
	а.	Previously submitted							
,		i. ii. iii.	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on October 8, 2003. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on Other:						
	b. Enclosed 11/07/2003 RHARIS1 00000024 09866600					00			
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2.	Mis	scella	aneous						
	a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)								
	b.	b. Other: Applicants petition the Examiner to extend the time for response to the Final Office Action dated July 8, 2003, one month from October 8, 2003, up to and including November 8, 2003, and submit \$110.00.							
3.	Fe	es	The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.						
	a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205								
	i. X RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) ii. X Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) iii. Other								
,	b. X Checks in the amounts of \$770.00 and \$110.00 are enclosed to cover the RCE filing fee and the extension of time								
	fee, respectively. c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)								
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED									
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